

Reading Background Questionnaire

Grade 8

This section has 15 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

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1. Please indicate how much you DISAGREE or AGREE with the following statements about reading and writing. Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a. When I read books, I learn a lot.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB345623
b. Reading is one of my favorite activities.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB345624

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2. How often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day	
a. Read for fun on your own time	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB379289
b. Talk with your friends or family about something you have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB379290

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3. Now think about reading and writing you do for school. For your **English** class this year, how often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	At least once a week	
a. Have a class discussion about something that the whole class has read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB345645
b. Work in pairs or small groups to talk about something that you have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB345646



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4. For your **English** class so far this year, how many times have you done each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never	Once	2 or 3 times	4 or 5 times	6 or more times	
a. Made a presentation to the class about something that you have read	<input type="radio"/> (A)	<input type="radio"/> (B)	<input type="radio"/> (C)	<input type="radio"/> (D)	<input type="radio"/> (E)	VB345650
b. Done a project about something that you have read (for example, written a play, created a website)	<input type="radio"/> (A)	<input type="radio"/> (B)	<input type="radio"/> (C)	<input type="radio"/> (D)	<input type="radio"/> (E)	VB345651

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5. How often do you use either the school library or the public library to get information for a school project or homework?

☐ (A) Never or hardly ever
☐ (B) Once or twice a month
☐ (C) Once or twice a week
☐ (D) Every day or almost every day

7. Do you study or do work for English/ language arts at an after-school or tutoring program?

☐ (A) Yes
☐ (B) No

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8. In your school, do you participate in extracurricular activities such as book clubs, competitions, fairs, or exhibits for reading?

☐ (A) Yes
☐ (B) No

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6. How often do you use either the school library or the public library to get information for your own use?

☐ (A) Never or hardly ever
☐ (B) Once or twice a month
☐ (C) Once or twice a week
☐ (D) Every day or almost every day

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9. For school this year, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions on tests or assignments that involved reading?

☐ (A) Never
☐ (B) Once or twice this year
☐ (C) Once or twice a month
☐ (D) At least once a week



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10. In your English/language arts class this year, how often does your class do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Read aloud	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504014
b. Read silently	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504015
c. Discuss new or difficult vocabulary	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504016
d. Explain what we have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504017
e. Do a group activity or project about what we have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504018
f. Read books we have chosen ourselves	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504019
g. Write something about what we have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504020
h. Discuss different interpretations of what we have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504021



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11. In your English/language arts class this year, when reading a story, article, or other passage, how often does your teacher ask you to do the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Summarize the passage	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504023
b. Interpret the meaning of the passage	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504024
c. Question the motives or feelings of the characters	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504025
d. Identify the main themes of the passage	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504026

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12. In your English/language arts class this year, how often do you use a computer to do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Learn and practice vocabulary	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504028
b. Practice spelling and grammar	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504029
c. Write stories or reports	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504030
d. Produce multimedia reports/projects	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504031
e. Read books on the computer	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504032
f. Access reading-related websites (for example, websites with book reviews and lists of recommended books)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504033
g. Conduct research for reading and writing projects	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504034
h. Correspond with students from other schools using e-mail	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC504035



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13. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?

- ☐ Ⓐ Easier than other tests
- ☐ Ⓑ About as hard as other tests
- ☐ Ⓒ Harder than other tests
- ☐ Ⓓ Much harder than other tests

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14. How hard did you try on this test compared to how hard you tried on most other tests you have taken this year in school?

- ☐ Ⓐ Not as hard as on other tests
- ☐ Ⓑ About as hard as on other tests
- ☐ Ⓒ Harder than on other tests
- ☐ Ⓓ Much harder than on other tests

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15. How important was it to you to do well on this test?

- ☐ Ⓐ Not very important
- ☐ Ⓑ Somewhat important
- ☐ Ⓒ Important
- ☐ Ⓓ Very important

